QualityNet Secure Portal for IQR and OQR data submission effective July 1, 2014

The purpose of this email is to notify IQR or OQR Program stakeholders, with an existing QualityNet account, that you must take action to enroll in the new *HCQIS QualityNet Secure Portal* (*Portal*).

Last year, a new *QualityNet Secure Portal* was launched for the Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting (ASCQR), Inpatient Psychiatric Facility Quality Reporting (IPFQR), and PPS Exempt Cancer Hospital Quality Reporting (PCHQR) Programs. CMS will be migrating Outpatient Quality Reporting (OQR) and Inpatient Quality Reporting (IQR) Program users to the new *QualityNet Secure Portal* to submit their data beginning July 1, 2014

To ensure a successful migration, with uninterrupted access to our systems, CMS strongly encourages all Hospital IQR and OQR users to **successfully complete the registration process by May 1, 2014**. Access is necessary to comply with Hospital IQR and OQR program requirements. Specifically, hospitals must successfully submit quality data each quarter, and continuously maintain an active QualityNet Security Administrator.

With this Portal's release, CMS is complying with OMB Memorandum 04-04. OMB Memorandum 04-04 requires all federal systems that collect Protected Health Information (PHI) to tighten security requirements for users; specifically, we are required to "identity proof" users and have multi-factor authentication. We will provide more information about the portal, enrolling, multi-factor authentication and identity proofing in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document attached.

Hospitals will be invited to participate in an educational Webcast that will be held March 18, 2014. We will send an email to facility contacts (IQR and OQR) with an invitation to this webcast.

In addition, resources are available today to help users understand and complete the enrollment process. CMS has posted FAQs, New User Enrollment Training, Quick Start Guides, and User guides on the publicly available portion of the *QualityNet* Web site. There is also a summary of the process to enroll at the following link:

https://www.qualitynet.org/dcs/ContentServer?c=Page&pagename=QnetPublic%2FPage%2FQnetBasic&cid=1228773171416.

Users may enroll for access to the Portal today by visiting the *QualityNet* Web site at https://www.qualitynet.org. On the right hand side of the home page, under "Log in to Secure QualityNet Portal," they can select that link that says "Login" and follow the instructions.

For questions, please contact the QualityNet Help Desk at <u>qnetsupport@sdps.org</u> or via phone at (866) 288-8912 Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central Time